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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Many of the most vulnerable people in Illinois,
3 including persons with mental, developmental, and physical
4 disabilities, children, the elderly, and persons who are
5 homeless, depend upon State-funded programs for crucial
6 services; and

7 WHEREAS, The services supported by State funds include
8 health care, food, shelter, clothing, and other vital services
9 needed to keep persons alive, healthy, and out of institutions;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Illinois provides a substantial percentage of
12 these services through grants and contracts with private
13 not-for-profit organizations, most of which organizations are
14 completely or substantially dependent on State funding for
15 their continued survival and many of which are small and lack
16 financial reserves or other assets; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois has entered into contracts with persons
18 with disabilities to provide peer-to-peer and other important
19 services, facilitate their recovery and re-entry into the
20 Illinois economy, and reduce the burden on taxpayers to support
21 such persons; and

1 WHEREAS, Illinois does not have backup or redundant
2 services; indeed, in most areas of Illinois there are already
3 insufficient services to meet current needs; and

4 WHEREAS, Illinois is falling further and further behind in
5 paying outside persons and not-for-profit organizations for
6 the services provided by them to Illinois' most vulnerable
7 citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, Late or delayed payments will result in the
9 cutback of crucial services to Illinois' most vulnerable
10 citizens and threaten the continued existence of some
11 organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois has previously enacted legislation
13 requiring the prompt payment of bills for crucial social
14 services provided to vulnerable populations; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 urge the Governor to take prompt and effective steps to ensure
18 that those entities providing crucial services to Illinois'
19 vulnerable populations under a State contract or grant receive
20 prompt payment for those services; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Governor report to the Speaker of the

1 House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly
2 the steps that have been taken to implement this resolution;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
5 each of the following: the Governor, the Secretary of Human
6 Services, the Director of Healthcare and Family Services, the
7 Director of Children and Family Services, the State
8 Comptroller, and the State Treasurer.